

price of coal produced by them. No decision so far has been taken by the Government.

### Strike by Indian Pilots Guild in Air India

197. SHRI SANAT KUMAR MANDAL : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state :

(a) the total loss sustained by the Air India as a result of the strike by the Indian Pilots Guild (IPG) during May 1991 ;

(b) whether his Ministry had given a flat to the airline's management to declare a lock-out, also to examine the feasibility of instituting a damages suit against the IPG;

(c) if so, the details thereof ; and

(d) the details of the long-term measures taken or are being taken by the Government to obviate such strike ?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAV RAO SCINDIA) : (a) While it is not possible to give any precise figure, the estimated net cash loss suffered by Air India would be of the order of Rs. 4 to 5 crores.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) This strike of the Air India pilots was illegal and unjustified and it was withdrawn by the IPG without any reservation. However, in the long term, it would be the endeavour of Air India to maintain harmonious industrial relations in the whole organisation and to instil a sense of

belonging and commitment in all sections of its employees.

### Power Break-Down in Capital

198. SHRI SANAT KUMAR MANDAL : Will the Minister of POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state :

(a) whether there has been constant load-shedding, power break-down in the capital since the onset of the current summer ;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor ?

(c) whether any long-term or short-term plan has been formulated to tide over the situation ;

(d) if so, the details thereof ; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI KALP NATH RAI) : (a) and (b) The power supply position in Delhi during the current summer season has been by and large satisfactory. The minor shortfalls of 1.15% in the availability of energy and 3.7% to 10.1% in the peak load during April—June, 1991 were met by suitable load management and enforcing peak period restrictions.

(c) to (e) The steps taken to improve the power supply position in Delhi include strengthening and augmentation of transmission and distribution system of various voltage levels, installation of 3 × 34.07 MW Waste Heat Recovery Units at the existing Gas Turbines of DESU and a 400 KV Transmission Ring around Delhi. Setting up of a 800 MW Gas